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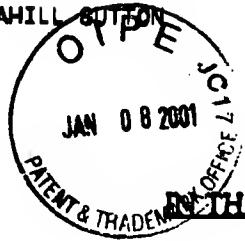
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EXAMINER: B. Yarnell Docket No.: 5899-A-01

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FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR GLUCOSE CONCENTRATION
MEASUREMENT WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BLOOD
GLUCOSE DETERMINATIONS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 07/07/2000, please amend the above application as follows:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In Claim 38, line 7, before "quarter", delete "the", substitute --a--.

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, line 20, delete "sucrose", substitute --glucose--.

Page 5, line 14, delete "53", substitute --57--; delete "7", substitute --3--.

Page 8, line 18, after "based", insert --on--.

REMARKS

A request for a three-month extension of time is enclosed, accompanied by the statutory fee of \$445.00.

In the Office Action, the examiner rejected Claims 1-9, 11-24, 27-31, 33-35 and 38-42 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as a patentable over Cote et al. in view of Pezzaniti et al. and Kuhls. The rejection is respectfully traversed, in view of the following arguments.

Claim 1 recites:

"introducing the beam into the anterior chamber such that it is refracted within the anterior chamber, impinges on the iris, is reflected therefrom, and then exits the anterior chamber approximately collinear with the beam immediately before the point at which it is introduced into the anterior chamber".

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing limitation of Claim 1 is clearly illustrated in Fig. 8A, wherein the external "probe beam" 55A is approximately parallel to the iris 56 as it (the beam 55A) is introduced into the cornea 57, and then is refracted as indicated by 55B to a spot 58